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Canton's Proud Position.

Canton's position as a coming center of the iron and steel industry of Ohio was plainly indicated by the serious consideration of Mr. Carnahan's blast furnace project at the meeting of the independent sheet and bar mill men from Ohio, in Pittsburgh this week. The independents have been short of pig iron for a year. In fact, the Morgan combine has virtually crowded them out. It dominates the pig iron market, and the independents get their material only after the trust has supplied its own great plants. The independents find a solution to this in the Canton project, embracing great furnaces convenient to the lakes and centrally located with reference to the plants they would supply; with abundant freight facilities, and the prospect of its own independent ore supply from the great fields of Superior.

ICE CUTTING ON LAKE ERIE.

(Lorain Democrat.)  
Ice cutting on the lake is progressing rapidly, though last week it was greatly delayed by the wind filling up the channels with loose ice during the night, making a great deal of labor necessary to clear them out each morning. From Friedel & Bark's new 3,000 ton barge at the foot of Oliver street, and Smith's, at the foot of Park Place, channels have been cut out converging till they join about a quarter of a mile from the shore, thence one channel has been cut out a half mile further, and the two gangs of men, about thirty-five in all, have been combined and are working together. Being taken from so far out in the lake and away from the river mouth, the ice is of excellent quality and very clear, running from eighteen to twenty-four inches in thickness.

DICKEY IS WORRYING ALONG.

(Lisbon Patriot.)  
J. J. Dickey, of Signal, was here last week. This is the first time we have seen him since he lost his arm in the saw mill accident. His left arm, after being lacerated by the saw, was amputated midway between the wrist and elbow. He looks upon the matter in a philosophic manner and is not inclined to worry over that which cannot be helped.

DISCOURAGING A GOOD THING.

(Warren Tribune.)  
Some letter writer thinks Warren has a Keeley cure institution, judging from the advertised letter list. Warren has no Keeley shop and there are many towns where one is more heeded than in this city. And, then, the thing might want a bonus.

FLOODS IN TURKEY.

Railways and Towns Submerged  
(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)  
Constantinople, Feb. 20.—Great floods are raging throughout eastern Turkey. Forty miles of railroad between this city and Adrianople are completely submerged. The villages of Tehakjikeni and Djanghiskeni are entirely under water. Thirty persons were drowned, and 200 are missing. One hundred and twenty-nine houses have been swept away.

RIGHTY, YET HALE AND ACTIVE.

(Staff Special.)  
Alliance, Feb. 19.—Parker B. Morris, a well known Alliance man, celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary at his home on State street Tuesday evening. About 25 relatives and friends were present. Mr. Morris is in excellent health considering his age.

You save one-half your money by getting your pictures at The Empire gallery.

All the healing balsamic virtues of the Norway pine are concentrated in Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's own remedy for coughs and colds.

**Eczema**  
How it roddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales!  
Some people call it tetter, milk crust or salt rheum.  
The suffering from it is sometimes intense; local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure.  
It proceeds from humors inherited or acquired and persists until these have been removed.  
**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
positively removes them, has radically and permanently cured the worst cases, and is without an equal for all cutaneous eruptions.  
Hood's PILLS are the best cathartic. Price 25c. each.

IN IDLE MOMENTS.

THERE was momentary excitement at the court house Wednesday afternoon. Some one reported to the janitors that there was something the matter with a man in one of the back rooms and that it was feared that he was either terribly sick or dead, as he had been lying in one position for hours. A News-Democrat reporter headed a committee of investigation, and there were visions of a great tragedy and a big scoop. The story began to shape itself as the party went on its way, and there was a sickening fear lest Perkins should appear upon the scene and share in the story.  
With trembling steps and bated breath the crowd proceeded. Opening a door and looking into the gloom of a secluded corner, the victim was seen. His hat lay upon the floor, a mute witness to his helplessness. If he had been unconscious, the rude entry of the curious crowd upon his privacy so shocked his sensibilities that he immediately came to life.  
"What yer felle's want?" the dead man growled.  
"O, we thought you were a corpse," said one of the party.  
"G'es must 'been 'sleep," said the jag.  
The janitor immediately informed him that the court house was no hotel or sleeping car and he would have to move, which he did with great difficulty and many girations.

Blanche's Pajamas.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)  
Miss Blanche Walsh, the wonderfully beautiful and justly celebrated actress, admits, not necessarily as a guarantee of good faith, but for the widest publication, that in addition to worshipping Buddha—who is known to her less devout fellow Thespians as "Old Bud"—she wears pajamas, and has banished the nightgown forever from her wardrobe. Miss Walsh insists that genius must have freedom and she has always had a horror of being compelled to flee in a nightgown from fire. We may add here that Miss Walsh is one of the few of our great actresses who have never lost any jewels.—News item.

CHAT ABOUT PERSONS.

How Mr. Hogue Got Mixed Up With a Combine—Canton People On the Go.

The name of O. D. Hogue, manager of the Good Roads Machine company, of Canton, is to be found on the registers of all the best hotels in the middle west. As was the case Tuesday in Pittsburgh, Mr. Hogue sometimes arrives in a city about the time a delegation of trust magnates or combine promoters are gathering in for business. In this way he gets his name sandwiched between a couple of these fellows and thereafter during his stay is made a target for the agile pencil of the newspaper men.  
Mr. Hogue landed in Pittsburgh Tuesday with a couple of Canton men who went there to assist in organizing a sheet steel combine. He registered at the Lincoln with them and soon after was announced by Pittsburgh papers as being prominently associated with the combine.  
A News-Democrat reporter called upon Mr. Hogue at his apartments in the Martin block last evening.  
"How about that sheet steel combine?" asked the reporter.  
"What sheet steel combine?" inquired Mr. Hogue.  
"The one you have been helping to form in Pittsburgh."  
"Oh, that's all a mistake as far as I am concerned," he explained.  
"Simply a case of registering with Mr. Irwin and some other Canton men. You may say for me that I am 'not guilty.'"

HOLMES IS FREE.

Master of the "Idler" Escapes.

Cleveland, Feb. 20.—The famous Holmes case is at an end and the master of the ill-fated yacht Idler, which was sunk off Cleveland harbor in a terrible storm on July 7, 1900, is a free man again.  
In the United States circuit court yesterday United States Attorney John J. Sullivan made application that the case be nolle. He gave as his reason that the witnesses for the government were scattered all over the world and that it would be impossible to gather them together for trial.  
Judge Francis J. Wing granted the application and the case was nolle. Captain Charles J. Holmes, the man under indictment, who was master of the yacht Idler at the time she was wrecked, was in the court room. He was as much surprised as any one.

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(By BER E. WILLIAMSON, Staff Correspondent.)

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no attachments for the future so far as capitol life is reckoned.

The fact that Mr. Whiting accompanied Mr. Smith to Washington is purely incidental. Everybody who knows Mr. Whiting has great confidence in his disinterestedness, and the fact that he and Mr. Smith saw Mr. Tayler at the same time and that the matter was talked over together, does not militate in the direction of suggesting a plan. There has been no plan about it. A number of gentlemen in Stark county would like to succeed Mr. Tayler. They have the inclination but not the necessary verities, hence it was necessary for Mr. Whiting to take Mr. Smith over to Washington to tell Mr. Tayler that there wasn't anything doing. In this connection Mr. Whiting gets the credit for being the citizen that prevented the doing.

And while on this subject, it is well to call attention to the further demise of Mr. Whiting, politically. For several years he has died a violent death at the hands of about every politician in Stark county, but he has a peculiar faculty for not staying dead.

Just at this minute he is promising to deliver all of the goods that Stark county has to Mr. Tayler, and there isn't anybody that knows anything about it who will not say that he has an excellent opportunity to make good.

Asker about it when here, Mr. Whiting simply said: "There is no situation in the congressional fight except what the News-Democrat has succeeded in suggesting. The people of Stark county are for Congressman Tayler, and he will be renominated."

Gentlemen with ambitions will understand this as due notice. They will also understand that Mr. Whiting has the call in Stark. When Congressman Tayler's renomination comes, which is now inevitable, Mr. Whiting will have the control of matters. When his reelection occurs, which is reasonably probable, the seekers for place in the district will do well to consult Mr. Whiting.

As a matter of fact, whether the Republicans of Stark like it or not, they have not been doing much but consult Mr. Whiting for years. Aside from his throw-down at the hands of Governor Nash, which was a direct and unsavory breach of promise, Mr. Whiting has had things his own way for a long time now. You probably could not get many Republicans in Stark to acknowledge it, but they recognize the taste every time the medicine is fed to them, which is not infrequently.

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Improve the Canals, and Make Them More Valuable.

—JUDGE A. C. THOMPSON.

JUDGE A. C. THOMPSON, of the United States district court, has always been a close student of the canal question and greatly interested in the bill now pending in the legislature to abandon the artificial waterways of the state.

Judge Thompson has always been in favor of preserving the integrity of the canal system. "This is a question which ought to receive the most careful and exhaustive consideration of the members of the present legislature," said he. "I do not believe that any hasty legislation ought to be permitted. The state of Ohio has too much money invested in the canals to permit them to be sold to the first bidder. We all recognize the fact that the canals of the state have for a number of years been a burden to the taxpayers, but I believe that that can be remedied. The leading countries of Europe, including France, Germany and Great Britain, are now engaged in giving special attention to their artificial waterways and are spending millions of dollars in their betterment."

"We have in Ohio a system which can be made profitable if the proper appropriations are made for their deepening and widening so that they can be used by lake and river craft. This means an expenditure of money, but

it will not be as much in the aggregate as the throwing away of the property of the state without proper consideration. I am not in favor of the canals as they are now. They ought to be sold and the state relieved of the burden if there is no disposition toward the betterment. This betterment, I believe, would mean much to the state. It would prove a safety gauge for the railroads. The heavy commodities which the railroads are now compelled to carry would be transferred to the canals and the railroads would then be placed in a position to bid for other and more profitable business."

"The carrying of stone, lumber, coal and iron ore are the branches of business which would be particularly benefited by the enlarging and deepening of the canals. By this means Cleveland, Toledo and other lake ports could receive their coal in unbroken cargoes, thus saving considerable expense. I hope that the present effort to dispose of the canals will not be consummated. The matter ought to be carefully and fully discussed by the members of both houses and then the question should be placed before the people for ratification at the election of the next legislature. The proposition is too important to be dismissed with a few hours discussion in either house."

manifold instances where other Ohio judges have had no difficulty in finding authority and precedent for minimizing the noxious and poisonous features of litigation with scandalous possibilities.

"Some of the testimony told of acts of criminal debasement and indecency too horrible to be even hinted at; but it was allowed to be vomited out to the end without hindrance, to the everlasting disgrace of all in any way responsible for it. Why the judge should be willing to remain 'placidly at home' for a week in the swirl of pestilential rottenness, and see its horrors and demoralizing suggestions broadcasted in this community, is indeed difficult to divine."

"It is safe to observe that the attorney who was so eager to exhibit his client's moral delinquencies, and smirching nearest and dearest in kinship with blasting ignominy, to fill a public hopper to overflowing with acts, accusations and suggestions of beastly obscenities and inhuman indecencies, has much lowered himself in the estimation of many right thinking people."

"Whether the court will choose to take cognizance of the bouquets thrown by the Coshocton editor remains to be seen. The case is at an end now, the husband having secured his divorce and the custody of the child, and the question of alimony having been left to the attorneys to decide."

The Editor Goes After the Court Roughshod

THE BEEBE divorce case at Coshocton, one of the most sensational that has been tried in Ohio courts for months, has had widespread publication in the press of Ohio. Coshocton' evidently doesn't pine for the sensation of rocking on her foundations and that sort of thing, however, for the editor of the Democrat and Standard, of that town, devotes a column to a criticism of the conduct of the case, that at times comes dangerously near throwing somebody liable for contempt of court. The Democrat and Standard says in part:

"If the writer is correctly informed of what was developed on the witness stand the trial of this case was so planned and conducted as to make a public exhibition before a large audience, hungry for scandal, of the most disgusting and revolting indecencies ever listened to in a court of this country. There was sickening slime and filth, and stories of self-abasement almost incredible of belief, all flaunted and narrated with disgusting detail before an audience of three or four hundred men and boys."

The judge was uncertain as to his authority to have this loud smelling thing disposed of in the least harmful way, barring out the morbid crowd with noses and ears aloft for scandalous developments, although there are

NOONTIME WEDDING.

Slutter - Van Voorhis Nuptials.

Miss Minnie M. Slutter was united in marriage to Lawrence L. VanVoorhis, of Buffalo, at noon Wednesday, at the home of her parents on West Fourth street, by the Rev. E. E. Esselburne. Only the immediate relatives were present. Miss Margaret Wismer, of Columbiana, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and A. A. VanVoorhis, of Wellsburg, W. Va., brother of the groom, best man. Immediately after the marriage the party sat down to a bountiful dinner. The couple received many valuable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. VanVoorhis will be at home, at 159 Fourteenth street, Buffalo, after March 1, where Mr. VanVoorhis is employed by the Goodrich Rubber company as assistant manager.

ELECTRIC LINES MERGED.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)  
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—A joint agreement for the consolidation of all electric railways in and around Buffalo and Niagara Falls was filed by the secretary of state today. The capital stock will aggregate ten million.

JUDGE FAWCETT SAYS HE'S SATISFIED WITH TAYLER.

To the Editor of the News-Democrat:

IN A LATE ISSUE of your paper, your reporter, in an article on the congressional situation in this congressional district, among others, referred to me "as a possible candidate for congress" and as "one who would not be averse to trying conclusions in the present conflict."

Permit me space in your valuable paper to say: That while it is an honor or that any man might be well proud of to be even referred to as a possible candidate for congress in this, the famous Eighteenth district, made so by reason of those who have occupied the position in the past, I have not been, I am not and will not be a candidate in any sense of the word, receptive or otherwise; that while I would love to see such men as Col. Morgan, Judge Taylor, Mr. Bow and others to whom you refer, honored by an election to congress, I recognize the fact that this is one of the most important districts in the United States by reason of its great diversified industries and interests, and that at this time when the great wave of industrial prosperity is sweeping over the country nothing should be done to endanger it. A true and tried hand should guide the ship of state.

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born such. It requires, in addition to innate adaptability, time, experience, long continued, untiring and patient labor. Great lawyers are not made in a year or two; great men do not become so in a single bound. Like the giant oak that towers high over the forest, it is a gradual and almost imperceptible growth. So with a member of congress, however able he may be, however successful he may be in other lines, he cannot become useful to his district, he cannot occupy a commanding and influential position in congress all at once; he must be content, his district must be content that he become so little by little, by degrees. So long as the Eighteenth congressional district was satisfied to send a new man to congress every four years it remained (as it should) in obscurity, "unsung and unhonored."

No sooner did the district change its policy and continue in congress its representative for a third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh term until our district became a little better known, and those of us who knew William McKinley and watched his course in congress, could see that every time he came back to us he had developed a little more, had become a little broader and wiser, that his influence and power had become greater and more potential, until we finally saw in him the full developed and ripened statesman, whose counsel and advice

was sought by all, and he and the district had become known to the world over. Then it was that he was in a position to help the district, to aid and to build up its industries and her great manufacturing establishments. Does anyone doubt today that if William McKinley had been retired from congress at the end of his second term that the district would have developed and grown as it has, or that he would ever have been the president of the United States?

So, today, Honorable R. W. Tayler's circle of influence has been and is growing wider and broader. Every year since he entered congress, he has grown in power and influence, until today he occupies a position as one of the leaders in the national house of representatives—a position where he can do more to aid and to assist the great factories, the merchants, the farmers and the laboring people of the district, than any new man, however able he may be, who might be brought forward. For these reasons and for the reason that I have at heart the good of our district, made famous by McKinley and others, I am for the renomination and re-election of R. W. Tayler to congress. Very respectfully yours,

J. P. FAWCETT.

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